

Washington, D.C. - Each year, Congressman Sam Farr (D-Carmel) nominates exceptional young men and women from the Central Coast for admission to our nation's military academies. These academies, operated by the Army, Air Force, Navy, Merchant Marines and Coast Guard, provide a college education in exchange for a commitment to serve for a number of years as a commissioned officer.

For all service academies (except the Coast Guard), applicants must be nominated by one of several federal officials, including the vice president, U.S. senators or U.S. representatives.

"Attending a service academy offers a wonderful education and is a great honor," said Rep. Farr. "I hope students throughout the Central Coast will consider this chance for a fine education and service to our country."

Candidates to an academy must be at least 17 years old but not older than 22 as of July 1, 2008. They must also reside in California's 17th Congressional District, be U.S. citizens and must never have been married.

In order to be considered for a nomination, you must provide the following:

- A completed application form, available from Congressman Farr's office or Web site (www.farr.house.gov).
- A one-page personal statement.
- An official high school transcript, sealed and in a school-stamped enveloped.
- Official Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores. If you have the scores forwarded by the testing center, Congressman Farr's SAT Score File Number is 4639. If your SAT scores are shown on your high school transcripts, that is acceptable.
- Three letters of recommendation, not from relatives.
- A wallet-size photograph.

DEADLINE: Applicants for the class entering July 2008 must submit all application material no later than Nov. 1, 2007. All materials should be sent to:

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Please direct any questions to Brian Henderson at brian.henderson@mail.house.gov or call 831-429-1976.

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